

North-East *Build Wisconsin* Regional Workshop Small Group Record

Small Group Light blue (color)

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Top 10 responses to the question: “What can the State do to foster economic growth in your region?”

Priority response #1 (votes: 8) Meet transportation needs—finish transportation corridors to boarder.

Priority response #2 (votes: 5) Medical infrastructure to support aging population.

Priority response #3 (votes: 4) Get Wisconsin out of top ten taxed.

Priority response #4 (votes: 3) Create a funnel for investment capital banks, financial institutions or venture capitalists.

Priority response #5 (votes: 3) Continue to create a superior educational system.

Priority response #6 (votes: 3) Establish common vision and mission for region that we can ALL buy into.

Priority response #7 (votes: 3) Develop affordable housing.

Priority response #8 (votes: 3) Provide for availability for medical care insurance including affordable group plans for businesses.

Priority response #9 (votes:)

Priority response #10 (votes:)

“Actions Necessary to Achieve our Ideas” Exercise

“If we want to accomplish this [priority issue #1], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

Priority Issue #1 Get off the top 10 list of highest taxed states.

Responses to the question: “If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

- *Cut obvious waste.
- *Generate fees in lieu of taxes.
- *Increase state sales tax, going to property tax reduction.
- *Hold the line on current expenditures.
- *Implement favorable ED policies which increase tax revenues through growth of tax base.
- *Have Todd Barry (Tax Payers Alliance) speak to region at a forum on state tax situation.

Priority Issue #2 Meet transportation needs of the region, including corridors to the borders.

Responses to the question: “If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

- *Research and plan what needs to happen—initial assessment or environmental scan.
- *Assess positive and negative impacts for communities on and off highway corridors.
- *Preserve/protect the railroad industry in the region—it is in jeopardy now.
- *Allocate the resources to complete corridor projects.
- *State authority should charge DOT with budget and timetable for completion.
- *Finish corridors 2020, which has been authorized.
- *Prioritize and reallocate funds and projects.
- *Identify areas needing projects and improvements most.
- *Evaluate where gas tax revenues currently to and redirect towards transportation development.

*Make sure Wisconsin gets its fair share of Federal gas tax back currently—approximately \$.94/\$1.00 Federal Gas Tax.

*Streamline highway development process to eliminate extra costs.

*Keep more money for maintaining and repairing existing highways as opposed to all into new highways.

*Work with bordering states to connect corridors—seed federal funds.

*Promote and subsidize “park and ride” facilities and their use.

*Reevaluate truck weight limits.

*Find ways to have out of state visitors help pay for highways.

*Find the political will to get it done—Stop the political fighting.

Priority Issue #3 Support development of medical infrastructure to support aging population.

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*Have a group from this regional summit be represented at the spring Health Care Symposium.